[Translation]

Afforestation

*190. SHRI HARIVANSH SAHAI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to undertake afforestation by scientific methods in UP and other States to check the deterioration of environment ;

(b) whether any new scheme of afforestation in the beds of small and big rivers and drains in UP and other parts of the country is also formulated;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) Afforestation works by the State Forest Departments, including in Uttar Pradesh, are undertaken in accordance with well established scientific practices for both nurseries and plantations.

(b) to (d) The National River Conservation Directorate has programmes for tree plantations along river banks and open sewer drains and within the premises of sewage treatment plants. Project proposals have been invited from the concerned State Governments for such plantations.

Environmental and Forestry Clearance

*191. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH BHATI :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) The number and names of small, medium and big irrigation and other projects received by the Government from Maharashtra and for other States the environmental and forestry clearance during the last three years, state-wise;

(b) the names of projects out of them cleared, State-wise;

(c) the number of projects lying pending and the reasons for each of them;

(d) the time by which these projects are likely to be cleared;

(e) whether the Government propose to keep irrigation and other development schemes out of purview of Forest Conservation Act, 1980; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) (a) to (c) A Statement is attached.

(d) A final decision on the project proposals is taken within a stipulated time of 90 days from receipt of complete information and other relevant details asked for from the project proponents.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Statement

Environmental Clearance

(a) Projects received during last three years (1.7.94 to 30.6.97)

Irrigation Projects

ANDHRA PRADESH

1. Modernisation of Kurnool Cuddapah Canal Irri. Project.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

2. Neo-Dehing Project

ASSAM

3. Pagladiya Dam Project

4. Intergrated Irrigation Scheme for Kailong River Basin

5. Dhansiri Irrigation Project

BIHAR

6. Sone Canal Modernisation Project

KARNATAKA

7. Upper Krishna St. I Project Phase III.

8. Upper Krishna stage-II.

MADHYA PRADESH

9. Sindh River Project.

ORISSA

10. Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project.

11. Rengali Irrigation Sub Project.

UTTAR PRADESH

12. Ban Sagar Project

13. Jaurali Pump Canal Project